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YOU KNOW
AND SHARE
YOUR GIFTS
WITH OTHERS!



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IN THE NEXT
EDITION OF OUR
NEWSLETTER!



GEARING UP
FOR SUMMER
STUDIO: WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW!

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WNY Young Writers' *studio*

You Can Lead the Way

Welcome to the information age. Now more than ever, young people have access to tools and opportunities that enhance their learning potential substantially. My own children know far more than I might about certain web technologies, and even when they don't, they are able to master them quickly. Teachers are aware of this as well, and while many of them work hard to integrate opportunities like this and others into their curricula, sometimes it is easy to overlook them. Keeping up with the pace of technological shifts and maintaining expertise in all the ways in which students can show what they know is impossible now. The best that any teacher can hope for are opportunities to learn.

One of the most exciting things I've witnessed this year is the shift around what it means to teach and learn. More and more often, educators are inviting students to share their varied expertise. Teachers are learning a great deal from these exchanges, and students are as well. Their voices are important ones! With this in mind, I encourage all of you to become advocates for yourselves within your classrooms. If your teacher hasn't asked you to bring your unique gifts to the table, invite this conversation yourself. Ask if you might use a blog or wikispace to demonstrate what you know. Ask if you might write a story instead of a journal entry for English Language Arts class. Let *your teachers know what you are good at*. Chances are, they might be eager to hear this. In fact, *they* might be eager to learn from *you*!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our last session of the year is quickly approaching, and we can't wait to celebrate all that we've accomplished as writers and community members this year! Family, friends, students of the teachers involved in Studio and the public will be welcome to attend our June 6th coffee-house session, which will be held off-campus. Please save the date and look forward to receiving more information at the April 4th session.

SUBMIT YOUR WORK

If you would like to see your work included in the next issue of the WNY Young Writers' Studio newsletter, please submit your piece via email to stockmanangela@gmail.com. I will print all forms of writing, but space is limited and work must be polished!

The deadline for inclusion in the May newsletter is May 1st, so get writing!

I'm looking forward to publishing your work right here in our community newsletter.

Summer is Coming! Will You Be Joining Us in August?

This month, the dates for the Summer Studio session will be confirmed by the Conferences and Events Office at Daemen. As I know many of you are eager to begin planning your summer, I wanted to provide this preliminary information to you now, in anticipation of the finalized booking. ***Official fliers and registration forms will follow as soon as I have final word from the college.***

In response to numerous requests, sessions will be open to writers of all abilities who are entering grades 2-12 next year. These are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled as follows:

WEEK ONE: AUGUST 3-7TH

Grades 6-8 8:30-11:30 AM

Grades 8-12 12:30-3:30 PM

WEEK TWO: AUGUST 10-14TH

Grades 2-5 8:30-11:30 AM

Grades 6-12 12:30-3:30 PM

This schedule allows writers in each grade level some flexibility in terms of their opportunities for participation. Registration for the WNY Young Writers' Studio is now open on a rolling basis. The fee for participation is \$160.00, and this includes participation in TEN SESSIONS within one calendar year. Some of you may choose to participate in TWO week-long summer sessions and forego the school-year Saturday sessions entirely. Others may choose to participate in ONE week-long summer session as well as the traditional five school-year Saturday sessions. Other scheduling arrangements can be made, if necessary, by speaking with Angela directly. These arrangements might include school-year Saturday session participation **only** for two full years.

This year, everyone will be receiving WNY Young Writers' Studio tee-shirts, and as always, all materials and refreshments will be included in the fee. Limited financial assistance is available to those who may need it.

This year, I also intend to open **two** scholarship positions. Beginning in May, Studio members entering grades 9-12 may apply to become peer-coaches to the young writers in our elementary program. Those who are accepted will be expected to attend training prior to the start of the summer sessions, so that they are ready to work with writers of grades 2-5 (under my close supervision) from August 10th-14th. Training dates and times can be determined based on the peer-coaches' availability. Those who are accepted may participate in Studio year-round tuition-free. More information and applications will be provided in May and at our June coffee-house.

Please stop by our blog and provide some feedback to Abby, who published a poem there recently! <http://www.wnysummerstudio.wordpress.com>

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